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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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ESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (II known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Egglestetton is a medium-size colonial plantation house with notably fine woodwork. The house is in a good state of preservation having undergone an extensive restoration in 1972-73. Included in the work was the addition of a one-story bedroom wing to the rear, carefully designed to harmonize with the proportions and fabric of the main part.

The main and original part of the house is an approximately 28' x 60' rectangular structure of frame, one-and-a-half stories in height, with a gambrel roof and shed dormers. The house has five unevenly spaced bays on each front with two small windows in the upper level of each gable end. The dormers, end windows, and two rear windows appear to retain their original wide-muntin sash, but the remaining first-floor windows have nine-overnine early-nineteenth-century sashes. Exterior materials include a patterned sheet-metal roof, early, if not original, beaded weatherboards, and brick foundations laid in English bond. Additions to the house other than the bedroom wing previously mentioned include a one-story front porch (removed in the renovation) and two small glass-enclosed porches on the east end. The northerly of these porches shelters an original exterior door with X-paneling in the lower half.

The interior of the house has a center-passage plan with two uneven-size rooms to the east and one large room to the west. Nearly all the original woodwork survives. The center passage has an L-plan, closed-string stair with winders, plain newels, turned balusters, and molded handrail. Around the passage is a baluster-type chair rail attached to a plain board. The larger and more elaborate first-floor (west) room has a fine paneled end wall consisting of a center fireplace flanked by fluted pilasters on pedestals. The fireplace opening is surrounded by a bolection molding, a rare use of this feature in the South. Also on the end wall are small doors opening into chimney closets. A later partition that formerly divided the room was removed in the recent renovation.

The southeast room also has a paneled end wall with fluted pilasters set on plain pedestals. Instead of a bolection molding, its fireplace opening has architrave trim with a segmental arch and keystone. A small chimney closet door is to the south of the fireplace, but on the north side is a cupboard set in the paneling. The cupboard has a single-panel door with a segmental top; inside are scalloped shelves. The cupboard door is hung on H hinges. Nearly all the other doors throughout the house are hung on HL hinges. The room to the north of the southeast room (now the kitchen) has a paneled corner chimney piece. The upstairs woodwork is similar to that below but much simpler.

The house is set in a large yard with broad lawns, boxwood-lined walk, and a variety of shade trees. One early outbuilding, an early 19th-century kitchen, remains.

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built for Joseph Eggleston, Jr. (1754-1811) who served as a major under "Light Horse Harry" Lee in the Continental Army and later as a congressman from Virginia, 1798-1801. The exact dates of construction are not known, but architectural evidence indicates a date not later than the 1770s.

The earliest reference to the Eggleston family in Amelia County is a 1747 deed from Edmund Booker, Jr. to Richard Eggleston for 200 acres on the upper side of Nibbs Creek. This same property was sold in 1750 by Richard Eggleston to Joseph Eggleston, Sr. for 95 pounds. Eggleston was at that time living in Middlesex County but subsequently moved to Amelia County between 1758 and 1759. Joseph Eggleston, Sr. also acquired other land in the Flat Creek-Nibbs Creek area in 1762. This particular parcel contained some 600 acres and was acquired from Edmund Smith and others for 540 pounds. is no way to determine which part of the combined Eggleston land that Eggle ston's son, Joseph Eggleston, Jr., built his house on. In 1799, an insurance policy was issued to Joseph Eggleston for his plantation in Amelia County consisting of a "wooden dwelling, one story high with a Dutch roof, 60 by 28 feet." He was by this time married to his second wife, Judith Cary, an owner of considerable holdings in her own name in Amelia County.

Major Eggleston died in 1811 and left a large estate to his several children. To his eldest son, he left his plantation known as "Kennons" on the Appomattox River. To his second son, he willed land he owned in Ohio, and to his youngest son, Francis, he left "the land whereon I live on Flat and Nibbs Creek," this being Egglestetton. Francis was a minor at the time, his mother, Judith, was to keep possession of one-half of the land and the dwelling house as long as she lived; it was then to pass to Francis. Joseph Eggleston's inventory is particularly interesting. Its value approached \$27,000 and included furniture, such as a backgammon table, and a substantial library with copies of Spectator, the Tattler, Wealth of Nations Theory of the Earth, works of Thomas Paine, Clarendon's History, works of Shakespeare and Plutarch, and a number of books on geography and navigation. It is obvious that Major Eggleston was a widely read man.

Egglestetton remained in the possession of Everard Francis Eggleston until

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

(2) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory 1969 Federal

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7. DESCRIPTION - Boundary Justification

The boundaries encompass approximately 16 acres, a fraction of the entire Egglestetton property, and have been drawn arbitrarily to include the main house and an early 19th-century kitchen east of it, in addition to four 20th-century outbuildings: a smokehouse and garage to the northeast and a chicken house and pump house to the northwest. 2 The nominated acreage extends south to State Route 630.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

his death in 1857. He left two children, William Archer and Judith. William Archer pre-deceased his sister and the property passed to her; she married William Old who served as the American Consul in Canada during the Cleveland administration. The house and acreage passed through several changes of ownership, and since 1962 has been owned by Mr. and Mrs. Garland T. Morris.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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